

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

1. A sleeve for joining and sealing conduits, comprising:
5 a core of the sleeve having an inner surface and an outer surface;
a first layer bonded to the inner surface of said core; and
a second layer bonded to the outer surface of said core, wherein said
second layer is a material having a lower coefficient of friction than said first
layer.
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2. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein said first layer is an elastomer-coated
fabric layer.
3. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein said first layer and said second layer are
15 longer than said core, such that said first layer and said second layer may be
bonded together beyond an end of said core.
4. The sleeve of claim 1, further comprising a third layer bonded to said
second layer proximate a medial portion of the sleeve.
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5. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein said core may be made of a plastic
foam.
6. The sleeve of claim 1, wherein said core may be made of an
25 elastomeric foam.